COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

STABLISHMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS ELAY SERVICE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH)	ADMINISTRATIVE
)	
HEARING AND SPEECH DISABILITIES IN)	CASE NO. 333
KENTUCKY)	

ORDER

By Order dated June 27, 1991, the Commission established a 10 cent surcharge to be assessed on all access lines to which the federal end-user access line charge was applicable and ordered the Local Exchange Carriers ("LECs") to collect the monies and forward them to the Telecommunications Relay Service ("TRS") Trust Fund. The Commission reduced the charge to 5 cents per access line by Order on June 11, 1992. The Commission has continued to review the surcharge amount and the monies available in the Trust Fund and finds the surcharge should be increased as of March 15, 1995 to 9 cents per access line. This rate will more properly recover the costs associated with the provision of TRS for Kentucky and is, therefore, fair, just, and reasonable.

On January 19, 1995, the Commission issued an Order in Administrative Case No. 352¹ directing the LECs to establish a 1 cent surcharge for the funding of the Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf ("TDD") program. That Order provided that the LECs

Administrative Case No. 352, Establishment of TDD Distribution Program for Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing and Speech-Impaired Persons in Kentucky.

could combine the amounts for the TDD program and the TRS program on the bill but the rates should be separately identified in the tariff. This Order affirms those conclusions. The new combined rate for the TRS program and the TDD program is 10 cents per access line per month.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, within 20 days of the date of this Order, all LECs shall file tariffs reflecting the 9 cent surcharge to be effective March 15, 1995.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 14th day of February, 1995.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Committee

ATTEST:

Executive Director